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El Paso Sector Donates Excess Personal Computers and Accessories to Fort Hancock High School

ELPASO, Texas -- Fort Hancock High School, in Texas, is the latest learning institution to receive donated computer technology thanks to the efforts of the U.S. Border Patrol's El Paso Sector.

Today, agents and support personnel from the El Paso Sector distributed nine computer processing units (CPU's) and monitors, one lap-top computer, modems and software to Fort Hancock High School. The donation was done as part of a national "Computers for Education" initiative that was launched under Presidential Executive Order # 12999. The Executive Order, signed in 1996, gives Government entities like the Border Patrol an ability to provide excess computers and other technology to educational institutions in need of learning equipment.

"Anything we can do to promote education will benefit the community in the long run," El Paso Sector Chief Luis Barker said. "This program helps put students on the information highway," and that is what it's all about, he added.

Although the donated equipment is used, it remains in good condition and will be useful for schools that receive it. The approximate value of the donated equipment is \$27,000.00. The El Paso Sector donated \$226,700.00 in computer equipment to area schools in Fiscal Year 2002, which ended Sept. 30.

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